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**TESTIMONY BEFORE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF RAISED SENATE BILL NO. 926**

**AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONS COMMITTED TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD**

**To Co-Chairs Winfield and Stafstrom, Vice-Chairs Flexer and Quinn, and Ranking Members  
Kissel and Fishbein:**

My name is Nancy B. Alisberg. I am a resident of West Hartford. I was also a member of the Whiting Task Force that recommended that the Psychiatric Security Review Board be abolished. While this bill does not accomplish that, what it does do is to assure that the focus of what happens to individuals committed to the oversight of the PSRB will be treatment. It will mean that when an individual completes their term of confinement, unless they meet the standard for a civil commitment, they can no longer be held. This bill will also ensure that DMHAS will have to provide individuals with effective discharge plans so that they can be released upon an order of the Probate Court. I am thus in strong support of this bill.

My only suggestion for a change in the bill is to add the word "Probate" before the term "Court." This will avoid any confusion and make certain that the Probate Courts, the body that already makes determinations of civil commitments, will be where petitions must be heard.

Thank you again for this important improvement to the care of individuals under the oversight of the PSRB.